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1. Industrialisation

   Difficulties - risks - progressive adaptation - learning by experience.

   Opportunities offered by the textile industry in preparing a country for industrialisation.

2. Methods of application

   Effective employment of local manpower, without involving long journeys.

   Achievement of competitive cost prices according to the products manufactured.

   Establishment of co-operatives and, eventually, of a balanced overall control.

   Solution of the progressive financing of industrialisation by the creation of co-operatives.

3. Anticipated results

   Development of consumer markets as a result of the increased purchasing power of the people.

   Comfort provided by electrification and water supply.

   Creation of industrialised cells of craftsmen capable of producing industrial factories.

   Extension of industrialisation to other branches.

   Creation of social services, based on the industrial cells.

4. Incorporation of the new economy into the traditional one

   Specialisation by the craftsmen's cells in the manufacture of simple products.

   Protection of the market against articles produced in cheap-labour countries.

   Channelling of the purchasing power created by industrialisation towards :

   the development of the country; and

   the purchase of products from the more developed countries.

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